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This is part of the vast Washington National Records Center, Suitland, where Government papers fill 4 million cubic feet.

## 20-Acre Records Center Has 400 Miles of Shelves

By Gail Bensinger  
Washington Post Staff Writer

Wanted: track stars.

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You don't have to be able to run a mile in less than four minutes to work there, but it sure would help.

The new storage installation holds, in 20 acres of floor space, 4 million cubic feet of old income tax returns, used money orders and a myriad of other things virtually every government agency has decided it just has to keep handy. In all 20 stacks, as each fire-

proof storage section is called, there are 400 miles of shelves.

The new Center, which the National Archives renamed the Washington National Records Center after the "Federal Records Center" sign was hung above the front door, was built to replace four old storage buildings in Alexandria and one in Franconia, Va.

It provides twice the amount of storage space available in those five buildings, which took just 15 years to fill. "We destroy about 100,000

cubic feet of records a year, and bring in about two times that much. It's a losing battle," said Daniel T. Goggin, acting chief of the accession and disposal branch (translate: coming and going).

Goggin's branch keeps track of comings and goings with a computer that reduces two million cubic feet of records into two thick computer printouts. On the basis of that, employees are able to locate and send out any particular items requested by any agency within 24 hours. And they get

about 75,000 such requests each month.

Goggin figures it will take about a year, starting early last March, to complete the moving chores, which are proceeding at the rate of 9000 boxes — each measuring one cubic foot — a day. In the meantime, the entire operation is being run out of centers on both sides of the Potomac.

Eventually, the Center plans to furnish researchers and other workers with electric carts that will enable them to whisk around the gargantuan

building without wearing out their shoes so quickly.

Another innovation of the new center is a macerator, into which waste paper goes and comes out "as stuff that looks like cream of wheat," Goggin said. This will be baled, dried and sold to manufacturers of pulp paper.

The unit has always sold waste paper before, but when it was whole the Center had to burn all confidential records. This can now be eliminated, Goggin added, "and we don't have to line up at the D.C. incinerator any more."

## Area Fight On Dirksen Plan Is Set

Robert L. Weinberg, who is running against State Sen. Robert C. Fitzgerald for the Fairfax-Alexandria-Falls Church floater seat, urged the voters yesterday to "make this primary a referendum on the Dirksen Amendment."

Weinberg, an Arlington attorney, has centered his campaign for the July 11 election on the charge that Fitzgerald has strongly denied Weinberg's charge and has accused Weinberg of misrepresenting his vote for a 1965 State Senate resolution.

Fitzgerald voted in favor of the resolution, which endorsed a Constitutional amendment allowing states to apportion one house of their legislatures by using factors "other than population," for a nationwide campaign aimed at such an amendment.

Fitzgerald has said during the campaign that, while he supports the "one-man, one-vote" principle and has worked for fair reapportionment, "I also believe that it is possible to divide the State into single districts of equal population, considering also community of interest; and I am willing to give you the right to vote on such a proposition. My opponent would deny you that right."

Weinberg said yesterday, in remarks prepared for a Mason District reception, "My election to the State Senate would be an indignation to the General Assembly that the people of this community want this resolution withdrawn before we see 'one-man, one-vote.'"

## Arlington Denies Rosslyn Expansion

By Katharine Gresham  
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The Arlington County Board denied zoning requests yesterday that would have enlarged the Rosslyn office building area into an adjacent area to the west, which is slated for high rise apartment development.

The denial of three office building zonings followed a lengthy hearing dominated by a clash between Richard E. Arms, planning director, and representatives of the three determined zoning applicants.

Arms argued that approving the rezonings would threaten the orderly evolution of Rosslyn, stifle office building development in other areas and

create insoluble traffic problems.

The applicants argued in vain that although traffic would increase, it would not be as great as Arms projected and that the problem could be met by competent engineers. The demand for office building space in the Rosslyn area overrides other considerations, they argued.

Arms noted that only 60 per cent of the available office building space in Rosslyn was under construction and asserted that development of the periphery might mean the inner area would have vacancies.

The County Board accepted the planners' arguments on

three 4-to-1 votes. Republicans Ned R. Thomas and Kenneth Haggerty joined Joseph L. Fisher and Thomas W. Richards of the nonpartisan Arlingtonians for a Better County to deny the appeals.

Only Republican County Board Chairman Harold J. Casto was in favor of approving the rezonings, arguing that office building development of the property was "inevitable."

Specifically, the Board denied zoning for:

- A 12-story office building sought by the Rosslyn Development Corp. at the corner of N. 17th and Oak Streets.

- A 12-story office building sought by Ralph N. and Jayne T. Smith at Key Boulevard and N. Nash Street.

- A 15-story building at Key Boulevard and N. Oak Street that would have been part of a five-building plaza complex and apartment entrances. The Westwood Limited Partnership.

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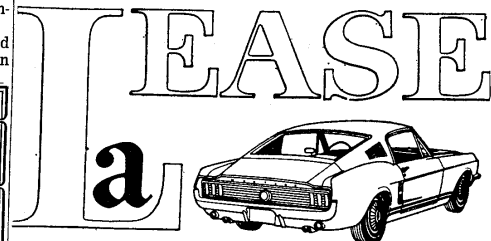


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